

# Tick Identification and Submission Form For Veterinarians (2016)



*Important: This form is to be used by veterinary practices for identification of tick species. Tick identification will be conducted by the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, Zoonotic Disease Program. This service is only for surveillance purposes, NOT for diagnostic purposes.*

**Please provide the following information regarding your tick submission.**

Name of veterinary practice	Name of veterinarian	Vet office phone number
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Date of collection	Name of animal with tick	Animal species	Age	Sex
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Home county of animal	Home zip code of animal	County where tick was found on animal
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Does the animal live in a woody, grassy, or brushy area? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Has this animal traveled outside of its home county in the past two weeks? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If animal has a history of travel, provide the following information:

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Travel Start Date	Travel End Date	City, County and State of Travel

Was a SNAP 4DX Plus test done for this animal within the past six months? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know

If yes, mark test result(s): ☐ *A. phagocytophilum* ☐ *B. burgdorferi* ☐ *E. canis/ewingii* ☐ No tickborne pathogens

Is this animal on tick prevention (prior to visit)? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know ☐ Started at visit

If yes, specify: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

(For state health office use only)

Species	# of females	# of males	# of nymphs	# of larvae

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## Submission Instructions

1. Place tick in a water-tight container (e.g. ziplock bag) with a moist paper towel, cotton ball, or alcohol pad.
2. Place container in a sealed ziplock bag to prevent leakage.
3. Fill out specimen submission form (above) for each specimen and attach to ziplock bag with specimen.
4. Cut and keep these instructions.
5. Package specimen(s) and the submission form(s) well to avoid damage during shipment, and mail to:

**Zoonotic Disease Program Tick Surveillance**  
C/O Eric Dotseth  
Office of Laboratory Services  
167 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
South Charleston, West Virginia, 25303

Thank you for your submission. We will be in contact with you shortly.



For more information about tickborne disease surveillance in West Virginia, please contact the Zoonotic Disease Program in the Division of Infectious Disease Epidemiology at (304)-356-4021 (zoonotic disease epidemiologist) or (304) 356-4020 (public health entomologist). Please visit our website at <http://www.dhhr.wv.gov/oeps/disease/Zoonosis/Tick/Pages/default.aspx>. Additional information about ticks and tickborne disease can be found at [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov).